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In re Patent Application of:  
Laura A. Bedzyk et al.

Application No.: 10/602,747

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Art Unit: 1636

For: NATURAL PROMOTERS FOR GENE  
EXPRESSION AND METABOLIC  
MONITORING IN BACILLUS SPECIES

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Examiner: M. Marvich

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2005 (Paper No. Mail Date 105). Concurrently herewith, Applicants have petitioned for a one-month extension of time and have paid the appropriate fee. Consequently, this response is timely filed by May 12, 2005. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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